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TO : G - Mr. Murphy

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FROM : EUR - C. Burke Elbrick

ENDORSE: DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

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SUBJECT: Recruiting of Scientists in Germany

Ambassador Conant wrote to the Secretary on July 13, 1956 (Tab B) recommending the discontinuation of organized programs for the recruiting of scientists in Germany by the military services. He indicated that continuation of these programs would have an adverse effect on the development of a United States-German mutual weapons development program and on our good relations with the Federal Republic.

Following informal conversations at the staff level, the Conant letter was formally transmitted to Defense with a letter from the Secretary dated October 1, 1956 (Tab C). The Secretary's letter stated that he supported Ambassador Conant's recommendation, and hoped that there would be an early resolution of the problem.

Defense replied in a letter from Mr. Robertson dated February 1957 (Tab D), accepting Ambassador Conant's recommendation for the termination of the recruiting programs, but indicating that expeditious Defense security checks of skilled immigrant applicants should be continued with the cooperation of the United States Consulates in Germany. Meanwhile the recruiting programs were terminated.

The Defense action with respect to the termination of recruiting meets the problem raised by Ambassador Conant and their proposal to continue cooperation in security checks is entirely reasonable. The attached proposed letter (Tab A) would indicate that they are acceptable to the Department.

Recommendation:

That you sign the attached letter to Mr. Robertson.

Approve
Disapprove

Concurrences:

GER - Mr. [unclear] Isle

RA - Miss Tibbetts

U/SA-Mr. Rudolph

Attachments:

Tab A - Draft letter to Mr. Robertson.

B - Letter July 13, 1956 from Ambassador Conant

C - Copy letter October 1, 1956 to Secretary of Defense.

D - Letter February 15, 1957 from Mr. Robertson.

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